



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is the sudden and unexpected death of a child over the age of 12 months that remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation is conducted, including performance of a complete autopsy, examination of the death scene, and review of the child's medical history; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC among children between the ages of 1 and 19 in the United States, and more than 200 children between the ages of 1 and 4 die without any clear cause or explanation; and
- WHEREAS: SUDC is the fifth leading cause of death among toddlers; and
- WHEREAS: While less common than Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern that requires increased public awareness and further research; and
- WHEREAS: There are currently no preventive measures for SUDC, as its cause is unknown. Future research will hopefully identify the means by which SUDC can be successfully prevented; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations like the SUDC Foundation, along with medical professionals and volunteers, are working to better understand the causes of SUDC, improve the health of infants and children, and provide comfort and support to families grieving the sudden unexplained death of a child; and
- WHEREAS: Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month is an opportunity to honor the memory of the young lives lost, show encouragement and support for the families and loved ones forever impacted by their loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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